

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant | : | Shimoji et al. |
| App. No | : | 10/564,874 |
| Filed | : | January 17, 2006 |
| For | : | SUTURE REINFORCEMENT MATERIAL FOR AUTOMATIC SUTURING DEVICE |
| Examiner | : | Orkin, Alexander J. |
| Art Unit | : | 3773 |
| Conf No. | : | 3870 |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2011 in the above-identified application. Applicants submit the following items for consideration in connection with the application.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. No amendments were made in this response. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants provide the listing of pending claims.

Remarks and response begin on page 5 of this paper.